

Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association



2008-2009 Priorities

Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood

The purpose of the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association is to maintain and improve the neighborhood through democratic participation and involvement. The Association will work for the achievement of its purpose by creating and supporting a spirit of neighborhood among area residents through all appropriate means including the following:

- Anticipate and call attention to emerging neighborhood trends and problems prior to their reaching crisis proportions.
- Develop and encourage interest and participation in neighborhood issues and concerns. Provide study and discussion of questions relevant to the neighborhood.
- Provide information to all residents about issues pertinent to the neighborhood. Educate residents regarding the potential for neighborhood development, problems, and processes involved.
- Work cooperatively with the City of Madison, local organizations, developers, agencies, and elected officials to improve and further the neighborhood's best interests.

1. The Process - In subsequent meetings following the election of 2008-2009 neighborhood association officers and board members, individual board members were asked to answer the following 2 questions:

1. *Write down what you think the 3 top priorities should be for the 2008-2009 CRNA Board; and*
2. *What might be an interesting and/or creative event the neighborhood should consider doing in 2009?*

2. Results

After all responses were received, they were discussed and consensus was reached. They were then categorized into the following groupings:

A. **Neighborhood Promotion/Involvement** – Continue to promote to local businesses, interest groups, and most importantly, residents of the neighborhood.

Residents

Activities:

	<u>Timeline</u>
* Encourage residents to join the neighborhood association and become involved in neighborhood activities and events.	Ongoing
* Distribute informational flyers about upcoming events and issues within the neighborhood.	Ongoing
* Thank residents for their participation by such things as recognition awards and thank you notes or postcards when membership forms are returned.	Ongoing
* Distribute welcome packets to new residents as they move into the neighborhood.	Ongoing
* Advertise and promote neighborhood events, general meetings/dinners through flyers, newsletters, park kiosk, etc.	Ongoing
* Work with Hawthorne School, East Madison Community Center, and local youth organizations on various neighborhood projects and events.	Ongoing

Businesses

Activities:

	<u>Timeline</u>
* Seek out opportunities to involve and partner with local neighborhood businesses to participate in neighborhood activities and projects.	Ongoing
* Include local business advertising in quarterly newsletter and neighborhood directory.	Ongoing
* Work with MG&E to reduce energy costs for neighborhood households through energy grants.	Ongoing

B. **Preserving the Environmental** – Focus on environmental issues that effect the quality of life for residents:

Gypsy Moth

Activities:

	<u>Timeline</u>
* Educate residents about the infestation of Gypsy Moths.	March 2009
* Provide educational information such as brochures and articles in newsletter.	March 2009
* Invite Madison City Forester to March 2009 meeting to discuss spring Gypsy Moth Spraying.	March 2009

Mosquitoes

Activities:

- * Write newsletter articles about how to reduce potential problems.
- * Allow neighborhood enhancement grants to be used for mosquito reduction devices.

Timeline

Spring/Summer
2009

Bats

Activities

- * Explore the option of adding more bats in the neighborhood to help drive down the mosquito population.
- * Contract Ken Bowman about presenting at the March 2009 meeting, and populating more bats in the neighborhood.

Timeline

Spring 2009

Spring 2009

Noise Abatement

Activities:

- * Work with neighborhood police districts to reduce the loud noise from cars and cruising activities.
- * Work with elected officials on noise from airplanes at Dane County Airport.

Timeline

Ongoing
Ongoing

Starkweather Creek

Activities:

- * Continue to work with Friends of Starkweather Creek, City of Madison, Bridges Golf Course, Airport, Hawthorne School on clearing the bank Spring/Summer and creek of fallen trees to allow more light and promote plant growth.
- * Apply for a Madison Planning Grant for enhancements related to Starkweather Creek Project, bank seed, informational plaques, etc.
- * Work with MG&E to plant new trees near Starkweather Creek and Aberg Pedestrian Bridge.

Timeline

2009

Spring 2009

New Well #3

Activities

- * Continue to be involved in the discussions for the new Well #3 replacement if located in the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood.
- * Ensure neighborhood involvement in the design if located in the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood.

2009

2009

C. Improvement Projects - Continue to look for creative projects that improve the quality of life for residents within the neighborhood.

Aberg Pedestrian Bridge

Activities:

- * Work with the city to enhance the landscaping plan at the landing of the bridge.
- * Work with MG&E to obtain trees for planting near the landing area

Timeline

January 2009
2009

Maintain/Add Green Space/Perennial Beds

Activities:

- * Maintain all neighborhood perennial beds through weeding, adding new plants, watering if necessary.

Timeline

Spring 09

D. Neighborhood Safety and Traffic Issues

Neighborhood Watch

Activities:

- * Continue to educate residents on keeping their eyes open for suspicious activity in the neighborhood and to report any such activity to the police.
- * Establish relationships with district police captains and neighborhood patrol officers.
- * Encourage district captains and patrol officers to attend general neighborhood meetings, and give presentations on neighborhood safety.
- * Continue to be proactive, not reactive to neighborhood issues and concerns.
- * Continue to monitor monthly police service calls to neighborhood, and work with district police and/or property owners to address any problems.
- * Work with rental property owners and the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin to educate neighborhood landlords and offering continuing education about how to improve screening, resident selection, property upkeep, etc.
- * Continue to watch for graffiti in park and bike path area, and if necessary remove/paint as soon as possible.

Timeline

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

Monthly

Ongoing

Speeding and Traffic Issues

Activities:

- * Continue to educate neighborhood residents through the quarterly newsletter about slowing down while driving through the neighborhood.
- * Create and post “slow down” signs in neighborhood trouble spots.
- * Obtain the portable electronic speed board for streets experiencing problems with speeding.
- * Invite HNTB to March 2009 meeting to discuss details of new Aberg Ave. Pedestrian Bridge.

Timeline

Ongoing

Spring/Summer 09

Spring/Summer 09

March 2009

Energy Related Issues

Activities:

- * Continue to work with MG&E on promoting reduced energy use in the neighborhood.
- * Include energy savings information in neighborhood welcome packets to new neighbors.

Spring 2009

Ongoing

E. Neighborhood Events

Earth Day cleanup

Activities:

- * Weed/mulch all neighborhood garden beds/medians, remove any graffiti.
- * Pick up and remove any neighborhood trash.

Timeline

April 2009

April 2009

Community Center & School Events

Activities:

- * Hold a food drive for East Madison Community Center.
- * Hold a fall school supply drive for Hawthorne Elementary School.

Timeline

February 2009

Fall 2009